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Honorable John Breaux
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Breaux:

This is in reply to your letter of February 16, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

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REMARKS: Respond to the attention of Guy R. Mayer.

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Please reply

The Honorable John Breaux
U.S. Senate
615 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510-1803

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Dear Senator Breaux:

I derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes, and I am active in a local club whose members also enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are

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January 29, 1993

The Honorable John Breaux
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re:PR Docket 92-235

I am a member of the Acadian R/C Club here in Lafayette, Louisiana. The club is Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club #321. As a club we promote model aviation and safety education along with it. We have hosted The Cajun Nationals contest for pattern fliers since 1969. This contest draws contestants from several states.

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When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and

bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely, _____

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John Breaux
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February 16, 1993

Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim, Director
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Solheim:

I have been contacted by several constituents regarding their concerns about the Federal Communications Commission's proposed rule for model airplane radio frequency operation.

Enclosed for your review is a copy of correspondence I received regarding this matter. Please investigate this material and provide me with a report. Your reply may be forwarded to the attention of Guy R. Mayer.

Thank you for your time and attention.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

John Breaux

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